

not consider that purity of heart is requisite to making thee happy: thou dost not apply thy wisdom to the researches of truth. The transitory delusions of this life are replete with the bewitching momentary pleasures of folly, therefore they yield no satisfaction, but contribute to annoy the possessor with the calamities of discontent. The glorious sun shines on all thy treasures, and fails not to cheer thee with his early and declining rays. Canst thou not see a bright example in the prospect of all nature? Yet, is not thy heart elated with the reflection of thy own power. Thou hast good and evil, pleasure and woe in view: the opportunity of thy choosing, alone evinces thy unhappiness.

If thy lascivious eye is ever watchful over the daughters of the East, determine thy choice according to the result of thy amorous passion, and reward her for life, considering the advantages of her inclination towards thee; whereby thou wilt possess the serenity of a tranquil mind, encouraging thee to relinquish, by a gradual degradation, the pursuits of thy roving amusements. Thou wilt then acquire new ideas, and every day will bring thee nearer to the delightful mount of reason; thy pleasures will continually vary their course till thou hast attained the summit; from whence thou wilt be able to look down.

down on all thy actions with the calm satisfaction of self-government.

The incidents attendant on human life should be considered as preparatory to a future state, destined by the Omnipotent Creator. Frailty and Foible are inseparable twins, and never-failing companions of the human kind: to them we must submit in every scene of action, and happy are they who have intrepidity to withstand the vicissitudes of fortune; but such intrepidity must be founded on a basis of sound judgment and reason.

If thou art oppressed with any melancholy, remember they are the springs of thy own indolent situation; to thy mind the state of the scorched and parched earth, the grim, who having completed his work, sits himself down happy with the opportunity of repose, and contentedly refreshes himself with the last sequin; smiling with grateful joy at the sufficiency allotted him by Providence. Thou canst revel securely at ease in universal luxury.

Dispose thyself, with great resolution, to act aright: withstand manfully the temptations of the mind; give thyself to serious contemplation: in a word, the dictates of Truth, then will thy wisdom warn thee to shun the rocks.